THE AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Amend the paragraph starting at page 5, line 13:

Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1) shows an embodiment of a nucleic acid (~~mRNA~~ DNA) which includes

a sequence which encodes a differentially expressed protein provided herein, CZA8. Start

(ATG) and stop (TGA) codons are underlined. The bold and underlined sequence from nucleic

acid 105 to nucleic acid 134 represents sequence that is absent in the splice variant shown in

Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:3).

Amend the paragraph starting at page 5, line 24:

Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:3) shows a nucleic acid (~~mRNA~~ DNA) which includes a sequence which

encodes an alternative embodiment of CZA8. Start (ATG) and stop (TGA) codons are

underlined. The sequence of Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:3) represents a splice variant of the CZA8

gene; in particular, the sequence of Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:3) does not encode the bolded and

underlined amino acids shown in Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:2) .